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Weekly War News Digest

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

EACH BATTLE PLANE NEEDS EXTRA EQUIPMENT AND STAFF OF SKILLED MEN

After three years of warfare the total number of airplanes able to take the air at any one time on either side of the western front has not been over 2500. Each plane in the air requires a force of 46 men, two replacement planes on the ground, and one training plane for every pilot who eventually reaches the front, with an extra engine for each plane.

The life of a plane is not more than three months, and the engine must be overhauled after each 75 hours. Now that American battle planes are going overseas, the great problem is to secure the thousands of skilled mechanics, engine men, motor repair men, wood and metal workers needed to keep the planes in perfect condition. This engineering and mechanical force at the airdromes, the flying fields and repair depots, both here and behind the lines in France, is a vital industrial link in the chain to air supremacy.

FARMERS BORROW OVER FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FROM FARM LOAN BANKS

During the month of January \$11,787,517 were paid out to farmers of the United States by the federal loan banks on long-time first-mortgage loans, according to a statement by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

On February 1 the total amount of money paid out to farmers since the establishment of the federal land banks was \$50,782,432, covering 24,020 loans closed. The total amount of loans applied for up to February 1 was \$260,556,981, representing 112,146 applications.

LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF GAS DEFENSE FATAL TO SOLDIERS

The necessity for thorough and continuous training of troops in gas defense is shown by a statement proved by captured German documents.

The Germans at a certain position on the western front knew the British were planning to deliver a gas attack on a German division equipped with masks, but poorly trained in their use. In spite of the fact that they had several days to drill before conditions were suitable for the British attack, when it was finally made hundreds of German casualties resulted.

Many kinds of gases are used in modern warfare. Some merely affect the eyes temporarily, and are more inconvenient than serious. Other gases are terrible in their effect unless proper protection is available. They are employed in clouds, or in shells, bombs, and hand grenades.

It is the work of the Field Training Section of the Gas De-

fense Service to bring home to the American soldier the importance of his gas mask, to thoroughly drill him in its use and to inspire confidence in its efficacy.

GIFTS FOR MEN SERVING IN ENGLAND MAY GO DUTY FREE

Packages containing dutiable gifts may be sent to members of the Expeditionary Forces temporarily serving in England will be delivered free of duty, provided the contents are bona fide gifts, the quantity is not beyond the personal requirements of the addressee, and that the parcels are addressed for delivery to the regimental address of the recipient.

India leads all countries in the importation of cotton goods.

Enlistments in the Regular Army since April 1, 1917, have been more than 379,000.

The War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities now has 55 women deputy sheriffs working in vicinities of camps in all parts of the country.

The period during which rye flour may be used as a wheat flour substitute in Victory bread has been extended to March 31, as in some sections of the country other substitutes are not yet available.

It is reported from Germany that wood is being largely used in place of celluloid, ivory and other substances for the manufacture of combs. Excellent toilet combs are made from thinly cut birch and beechwood.

Massachusetts and Michigan chapters of the Daughters of the Revolution are establishing "mending rooms" in cantonments. These departments are opened for hospitals, where hundreds of garments are mended each week.

A Navy base hospital with a capacity of 500 beds has reached the war zone. It will take care of Navy personnel, both ashore and afloat, and if accommodations exist will also be available for army and allied sick and wounded.

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FEW DRUNKARDS ARRESTED

When Columbus Saloons Were Closed On Heatless Mondays.

Columbus, O.—This city of 250,000 population has had four fuelless Mondays, and the saloons were closed on these four days. Police records show that the first three of these Mondays there were a couple of arrests on this charge. There are from eight to ten arrests in Columbus every day in the year for intoxication.

The dregs assert that were saloons closed all the time, not only drunkenness but all kinds of crime would be reduced to the minimum and the official records prove the contention.

One Year's Record.

Columbus, O.—During 1917 there were 66 local option elections in Ohio. Of these, 22 were township elections and 34 municipal. The dregs won 18 townships and lost four. They won 31 towns and lost 13.

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Political Gossip from Washington.

Washington, Mar. 11. (Special Correspondence) That the Senate's investigation of the conduct of the war was constructive and helpful in its effects, has been demonstrated by Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, a member of the Committee on Military Affairs, which conducted the inquiry. Senator Frelinghuysen enumerates ten definite and beneficial results attained as a consequence of the exposure of seven specific defects in the management of government business relating to the war. The ten achievements credited to the inquiry are as follows:

1. More business-like methods, quicker decisions and more immediate results.
2. The functions of supervising contracts has been taken away from private citizens, and sworn public officials have been placed in charge.
3. A great industrial captain called to Washington as the supervisor of purchases.
4. Heads of certain bureaus replaced by younger, more virile men, with greater initiative.
5. Secret contract system abolished.
6. The question of proper clothing being studied and General Pershing instructed to buy uniforms in England for the American soldiers abroad.
7. Proper consideration now paid to the health, sanitation and hygiene in the camps.
8. Contracts yielding abnormally large profits annulled.
9. Ordnance delay is being corrected.
10. The airplane program now being pushed to the limit.

There has been an effort on the part of administration senators and representatives to create the impression that the inquiry hindered rather than helped in the prosecution of the war. The fact is, and it is now admitted, that before the inquiry began, the War department was hampered by red tape which the committee insisted must be abandoned. There was a policy of secrecy regarding the names of contractors for supplies and construction, and also regarding prices paid. Secretary Baker has since announced that the policy of secrecy will be abandoned. The true facts regarding the shortage of clothing, delay in providing guns, inadequacy of hospital facilities, and the slowness of the airplane program, were not known to the public until the committee began its hearings.

For all this information, and for the quickening results of the disclosures, the country is under obligations to the Committee on Military Affairs. The chief cause for regret is that Congress did not at the outbreak of the war create a Joint Congressional Committee on the Conduct of the War, thus securing many months sooner the desirable results finally attained.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

PROBATE COURT.

Inventory and appraisement filed in estate of Wm. Lyda-mood.

First account filed in guardianship of Nettie Hoke.

Hiram P. Jones was appointed guardian of Theresa J. Jones; bond \$100.

Distributive account filed in estate of John B. Jones.

First and final account filed in estate of Lydia Brown.

Second account filed in guardianship of Chester Rogers and others.

Second account filed in guardianship of Garner Reser.

Second account filed in guardianship of Fanny B. Laughman.

Order of sale of real estate returned in estate of Nellie Schriker.

Petition filed to sell real estate to pay off pre-existing indebtedness in guardianship of Theresa J. Jones.

First and final account filed in estate of Josephine Stevens.

Application made for transfer and record of real estate devised by will of James Kendall and order issued.

Third account filed in guardianship of Mary A. Droscha.

First account filed in guardianship of Carl and Mary Williams.

Seventh and final account filed in guardianship of Charles Long and others.

Third and final account filed in guardianship of Mary J. Kendall.

Sale of real estate confirmed and deed ordered made to purchaser in estate of Nellie Schriker.

Order of appraisement of real estate issued in estate of Ona Gutheil.

Last will of James C. Elliott was admitted to probate and record. Sue S. Elliott was appointed executrix under said will; bond \$15,000.

Sixth and final account filed in guardianship of Maude C. Faulkner by executrix of estate of J. C. Elliott.

Order of appraisement of real estate issued in estate of Earl O. Fritz.

First and final account filed in estate of John Long.

First and final account filed in estate of Cora Spitzer.

Application filed for the appointment of an administrator of estate of Harriet Lavy.

Inventory and appraisement filed in estate of Charles Follrod.

Sale bill filed in estate of Jacob Arnold.

Order of appraisement of real estate issued in guardianship of Daniel Schaar.

Order of appraisement of real estate returned and order of public sale issued in estate of Ona Gutheil.

Inventory and appraisement filed in estate of Henry Funderburgh.

First and final account filed in estate of John Richter.

Petition filed to sell stock at

private sale and order of sale issued in estate of Benjamin Loxley, Sr.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Claude Hiatt, 21, clerk, Versailles, son of A. R. Hiatt, and Gladys Moore, 20, teacher, Versailles, daughter of Henry Moore.

Var. M. Williams, 63, farmer, Farmland, Ind., and Mrs. Catharine Loy, 52, Jackson township, daughter of Jacob Noll.

Verl M. Hill, 21, laborer, Greenville, son of George Hill, and Mamie E. Stump, 18, Greenville, daughter of Frank Stump.

C. F. Baughman, 53, farmer, Brown township, son of Henry Baughman, and Mrs. Mary M. Hipple, 46, Ansonia, daughter of C. C. Ketrow.

Herschel Billhimer, 21, auto repairer, Sayona, son of Levi Billhimer, and Essie Locke, 17, Hollansburg, daughter of Samuel Locke.

Albert Labig, 25, farmer, Wayne township, son of George Labig, and Leona Kelter, 23, Wayne township, daughter of John Kelter.

J. A. Shields, 41, hardware clerk, Greenville, son of Joseph Shields, and Lue Brown, 30, Weaver Station, daughter of J. L. Brown.

Clark C. Miles, 40, farmer, Laura, son of Samuel P. Miles, and Mrs. Lova Kreider, 25, Franklin township, daughter of B. F. Helman.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

NEW CASES.

21406—Clara B. Barden versus Wm. Burden: for divorce and alimony.

21407—L. C. Aukerman versus Clarissa Saylor and others: for partition of real estate, assignment of dower, &c.

21408—Jennie G. Bogk versus George P. Bogk: for divorce and custody of child.

21409—Caleb Goodyear versus John H. Small and others: for partition of real estate.

21410—Imperial Glass Co. versus R. J. Meguiar, The R. J. Meguiar Co. and The Purity Preserving Co.; proceedings in aid of execution to satisfy judgment for \$557.96 and costs and sale of stock of a corporation.

21411—W. A. Layer versus Arthur McLeer; for replevin, amount claimed \$200.

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Alvin Brown to G. W. Newbauer, two small tracts in Neave township, \$1350.

Mary E. Newbauer to Rosa E. Clapper, 2 acres in Allen township, \$500.

Sheriff to E. C. Wright, part lot 322 in Greenville, \$1250.

Margaret E. Mannix to Mathew Reiff, 42 acres in Greenville township, \$6000.

Raymond Condon to Christena Nease, 1 acre in Monroe township, \$850.

Wm. F. McConaha to George O. Swank, 49 acres in Twin township, \$5500.

Mathew Reiff to L. G. Rhotamel, 10 acres in Greenville township, \$1500.

John P. Bubeck to Otto C. Koser, 80 acres in Adams township, \$6488.

Alonzo Kosier to Isaac Lavy, 20 acres in Adams township, \$3800.

Owen V. Smith to Basil R. Zech, 56 acres in Greenville township, \$8500.

Wm. H. Boos to J. F. Drake, 40 acres in Twin township, \$8000.

J. Hoover to Morton Sothard, 26 acres in Allen township, \$1.

John W. Armstrong to Harry N. Ullery, 80 acres in Jackson township, \$12,000.

S. Hedrick to Jesse McGriff, 11 and 63 100 acres in Butler township, \$3490.

Susie Schneck to Owen V. Smith, 62 acres in German township, \$8000.

Frank Brooks to Susie Schneck, 50 acres in Greenville township, \$9000.

Sylvester Scott to Fred Carpenter, 9 acres in German township, \$2000.

Wm. Shoemaker to Minnie S. Roth, a small tract in Greenville township, \$800.

Nancy Shoemaker, per administrator, to Minnie S. Roth, a small tract in Greenville township, \$800.

Samuel F. Hough to John W. Armstrong, 79 acres in Jackson township, \$13,000.

Ezra B. Slyder to John P. Slyder, 81 acres in York township, \$10,000.

Charlene M. Searle to John P. Slyder, a lot in Ansonia, \$2300.

Herschel Vance to Elmer E. Vance, a small tract in Van Buren township, \$1.

A. H. Grilliot to L. J. Grilliot, lot 368 in Versailles, \$1.

L. J. Grilliot to A. H. Grilliot, Trustee, lot 368 in Versailles, \$25,741.29.

Jacob H. Banner to George W. Farst, 2 acres in Butler township, \$1.

Albert Penny to Martha Penny, a lot in Gettysburg, \$1.

Charles H. Kendall to Omer Kendall, 46 acres in Franklin township, \$7342.

Mary E. Mattler to Russell Collins, lot 1467 in Greenville, \$3000.

Charles A. Arnett to Raymond Bristly, 43 acres in Monroe township, \$5000.

Frank Spencer to Mathew L. Phillips, 80 acres in German township, \$9000.

J. D. Gibson to O. W. Utz, 20 acres in Wabash township, \$2300.

H. C. Groff to Blaine Flory, 39 acres in Franklin township, \$6000.

Wilber O. Millikin to Wm. O. Millikin, 37 acres in Twin township, \$4500.

Jeremiah Minnich to Wm. L. Getting, 40 acres in Butler township, \$6000.

J. W. Martin to John Long-crick, 41 acres in York township and part lot 15 in Brock, \$1450.

Charles Hamilton to O. M. Pearce, lots 19 and 20 in Savana, \$1000.

T. J. Beam to R. K. Beam, 40 acres in Brown township, \$5250.

Daniel M. Boyer to John W. Hardman, 10 acres in Adams township, \$2500.

George W. Mannix, Jr., to Tobias Paulin, lot 1580 in Greenville, \$1.

Ed Aukerman to Leonard Vance, 3 acres in Greenville township, \$2000.

Frank C. Thornton to George F. Crawford, 40 acres in Greenville township, \$4500.

Henry B. Etter to Rudy Etter, 24 acres in Adams township, \$2461.

W. E. McCarter to G. W. Slade, 21 acres in Greenville township, \$5500.

Sarah A. Brandon to John H. Brown, 8 acres in Franklin township, \$1600.

Susan Clark to Oliver P. Wickle, 40 and 5-10 acres in Adams township, \$6000.

Charles Keller to Alvin Brown, a small tract in Neave township, \$1000.

O. O. Chenoweth to N. E. Davis, 91 acres in Harrison township, \$13,500.

Oscar Drew to W. E. McCarter, 60 acres in Greenville township, \$1.

George M. Noggle to Cynthia A. Noggle, 160 acres in Harrison township, \$1.

Henry Rismiller to Paul Rismiller, 80 acres in Wabash township, \$10,000.

Henry Rismiller to Andy Rismiller, 80 acres in Wabash township, \$10,000.

W. F. Sander to Gertrude R. Robbins, a small tract in Richland township, \$650.

Eva Moul to Jose M. Hudson, 12 acres in Adams township, \$2000.

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WASTE AND THE WAR.

The country that wastes most in this war will lose the war. The country that conserves most will win. Does Germany realize this all important truth more keenly than the allies? The American Brewers' Year Book for this year discloses that the United States last year produced more than eight times as much beer as Germany. What does this mean? Just this. Germany is cutting out her beer to win the war. If America and her allies are in earnest in this contest to defeat Germany, will America not likewise cut out the beer? What will history—and the Brewers' Year Book—record for this year, 1918?

WHERE THE BLAME LIES

Interesting Analysis of Ohio's Vote on Prohibition.

Columbus, O.—There were 127,740 fewer votes cast for and against state-wide prohibition last November than were cast for governor in 1916.

Where did this loss take place? The eight most populous counties of the state are: Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Franklin, Lucas, Montgomery, Summit, Mahoning and Stark. These counties contain the cities of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus, Toledo, Dayton, Akron and Youngstown, while Stark has three cities, Canton, Alliance and Massillon.

The slump in these eight counties, which polled between one-third and one-half of the entire vote of the state, was 39,023, while in the other 80 counties, most of them rural, the slump was 88,717. This shows the slump almost twice as great in the rural counties as in the eight counties in which are the larger cities.

The rural counties with the population drier than the counties with the big cities, shows the largest stay-at-home vote. These counties lost this election for the dregs.

The Ohio Dry Federation purposes to put on such a campaign this year as will bring this stay-at-home vote to the polls and make the state dry.